

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-17 for prosecution. Claims 18-23 are withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

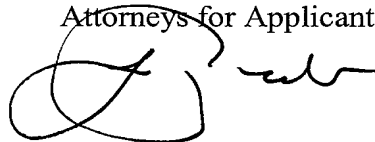
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-17.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call its attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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